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Dance This Week-End.

The annual mid-winter dances of the William and Mary Cotillion Club are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week. It is also probable that a Leap Year dansant will be given in the gym on Saturday afternoon by the girls.

This year the membership in the club is larger than at any previous time in its history and the attendance at the previous hops has proven that there is still quite a bit of interest among the alumni for this form of social activity.

A competent floor committee has been placed in charge of getting the floor in slippery shape and nothing is being spared in having this necessary essential carried out. The Jolly Jaz-zers Orchestra, of Newport News, which gave such satisfaction here at the previous dances, has been dated up again and a peppy time is being looked forward to.

Letters received here from alumni forecast a large attendance among William and Mary's sons.

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR BEAUTY STRUCK.

The photographer for the Echo pictures will be here Friday and Saturday of this week. Attention is being called by the business manager to the importance of every student being present for any "individuals" and especially club groups.

This is the third visit of the photographer here preparing pictures for the Annual. Most of the "individuals," chapters of the fraternities, football squad, and a few of the campus scenes have already been taken. It is hoped that the pictures of the remaining clubs and classes can be completed on this trip. Watch the bulletin board! And be on time for your picture!

H. S. GAME.

Williamsburg High Loses Quint Game To Cape Charles.

The quint representing Cape Charles High school invaded the college gym last Friday night and after holding the sympathy end of a 4 to 2 score during the first half, defeated the local High school five, 26 to 6.

The guarding of both teams was exceptionally good during the first half and it was not until several minutes of play that Cape Charles' left forward broke the ice with a counter from mid-floor.

Coach Geddy's charges however, weakened during the latter stages of the game, and the strain was much in evidence just before the final whistle. Jordan, at center and Vaughn at guard were the satellites for Williamsburg.

"Duc" Fulcher wants to know if you stayed up in an aeroplane 24 hours wouldn't the earth revolve under you to the extent of your being in China next morning.

LITERARY MAGAZINE OUT.

Second Issue in the Hands of the Students.

The January issue of the William and Mary Literary Magazine was put in circulation among the students about a week before examinations and contained much of literary value. There are those among us who lament the passing of the interest which literary activities receive. The commercial spirit has so progressed among the student mind that the Literary Magazine has but a support only from a small portion of the student body. The present issue in all probability has not been read by a third of the student body yet in it are contained some of the best efforts, the most lasting efforts of those who have caught the vision of the true values of college education.

There are several things in the Magazine that should interest any college man. Among them is one on University Life in France. This contains an accurate and at the same time pleasing account of the outstanding characteristics of University life there by one who has lived it. Such articles as this if read would do much to remove the provincial tendency which has always in some measure characterized William and Mary.

There is also another article cast in similar lines on Beautiful France. It is a delightful portrayal of France as seen thru the eyes of a college student while there as a soldier.

There is also a rather lengthy essay on "The Arraignment of the Former German Emperor," which if the students had taken the trouble to read would perhaps have thought slightly pro-German, and we are surprised when we realize that it has passed the vigilance of the investigators of anything that might savor of pro-Germanism. We hope these lines will serve as an incentive to the mentally inert in order that it may be read.

For those who like a good short story we advise them to read "The Mill at Matoka." It is well written and has a good plot, well delineated and worth the time it takes to read it.

The thing of most interest in the Magazine is that portion of it that is devoted to editorials. Editorial writing is an art acquired by few and the writer of the editorials of the Literary Magazine has acquired that art. He had something to say and he said it in clear cut English. Not only the form but the content is where its chief value lies. In the editorial is some of the best constructive work that has appeared for some time and the only regret is that there are so few who will read it and for the simple reason it is in a Literary Magazine, and literary work has ceased to have a vital interest for the average student.

Our advice to all who wish to reckon themselves as college men with the college vision is to buy a copy of the Literary Magazine and read what some of their fellow students write, otherwise it will be but a matter of time when all literary activity on the part of the students will have ceased.

THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

One of the co-eds sent the letter published in the last issue of the Flat Hat home to her dad. This is the reply she received:

Dearest Girl:

I take my pen in hand to say "no" to the ten. I think the ten bucks will keep you too gay. But am sending five, anyway. To five bucks then we will agree. But if you don't like the five you can send it back to me. Five is as much as I think I can spare, as money around here isn't as plentiful as air. And I really think two should do. But you are so sweet am sending the five to you. So, by not getting the ten please don't get sad. From your ever-loving hard-up

DAD.

CO-ED WINS NATIONAL ORATORY HONORS

First Time In History.

For the first time in American college oratory, a woman has won a national intercollegiate oratorical contest. Hundreds of co-eds have competed in collegiate oratory, and twice before has one achieved to the national contest. But this is the first time that one has actually walked away with the honors. Miss Margaret Garrison, of Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, is the victor, Des Moines, Iowa, January 5 were the time and place, and the National Oratorical Contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association was the event.

Remaining Games of Quint Schedule.

- Feb. 5—Hampton American Legion—at home.
- Feb. 7—Randolph-Macon—at home.
- Feb. 11—Richmond College—at Richmond.
- Feb. 14—Hampden-Sidney—at Hampden-Sidney.
- Feb. 17—Hampden-Sidney—at home.
- Feb. 21—Richmond College—at home.
- Feb. 28—Randolph-Macon—at Ashland.

NEW TERM BEGINS.

Mid-winter exams. having come last week, the second term or second semester of the two hundred and twenty-sixth session of William and Mary opened for registration on Saturday.

Many new courses are being offered this term in Science, Accountancy and Political Science. B. S. aspirants as before held the majority in degree choice.

Among the new men enrolling this term are: I. T. Akers, W. T. Harwood, C. A. Almond, P. A. Robinson, R. G. Haile, W. T. Mason, C. A. Zollinger, E. E. Connor, J. H. Stout, H. S. Holmes, T. E. Davis, J. C. Phillips, E. F. Burch, W. C. Johnson and R. G. Davis.

College Dramatics.

There is a movement on foot among some college circles to revive an interest in college dramatics. There are many who would welcome such a movement. There seems to be no reason why a college of our size should not have a place for such form of activity. It is sincerely hoped that such a movement may become a college movement and representative talent chosen.

The present interest centers around some of the dramatic works of Oscar Wilde. It will be remembered that Oscar Wilde reached the height of his popularity in the "Picture of Dorian Gray," and later in his "Salome" around which centered the libel suit which sent him to jail. This latter is considered the best example of sadistic literature extant.

It is sincerely hoped that the question of college dramatics will be placed before the students and some action taken to insure such activity.

PIERCE TO CAPTAIN QUINT.

At a meeting Tuesday night of the letter men in basket ball, "Chet" Pierce was elected captain of this year's varsity quint. He is to take the place of "Specs" Fentress who leaves school through graduation.

The Indians have a light scrappy bunch of quint aspirants and their pre-champion encounters have proven that the team has some excellent material.

The first championship struggle is booked for Saturday of this week with the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets.

SOPHS. BEAT DUCESSES.

Presenting a blanket defense and covering every possible attempt of the "Duccess" at new plays, the team of six representing the Sophs at Tyler Hall romped away with the majority end of a 20 to 12 encounter in the college gym on Saturday night before a monster crowd of genial followers.

Referee Christian had his hands full (or rather his mouth full of air), in blowing the whistle as invariably a pair of the players would persist in "hugging" the ball. Not many fouls were registered, but frequently time was called, (if you can call time), to allow some fair one of the dozen to readjust a "spiteurl" or fix a fallen tress. However, on one occasion the referee's whistle sounded with such force that the spectators thought it was the finale. But it wasn't. One of the jumping centers was missing, and yes, that's where she was, with her powder puff doing double time.

We have it direct from "Bill" that no profanity was in evidence, except—"oh, shucks," "Piffle," "Goodness" and "dog-gone-it." And any censor would have passed that. However, Bill wouldn't give us the "inside" on the remarks one of the "Duccesses" made to him when he called a foul on her.

Miss Barksdale and Miss Cashion were the bright lights for the winners. While Miss McMurran was easily the comet for the "Duccesses."

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THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

It is with very poignant regret that from time to time we hear among members of the student body certain notes of dissatisfaction which are or, at least we hope they are but tiny, discordant notes in the general key of satisfaction and amity prevailing at Alma Mater. Such expressions are it is true very infrequent but their occurrence even at these rare intervals, is remarkable enough to call forth surprised comment.

When we attempt to analyze these expressions of disaffection we find that they are due to one of two causes: either an abundance of unoccupied time, or an innate inability to appreciate the benefits accruing from college life. The first case is but further verification of the old maxim, "Satan finds work for idle hands." The stern reality of later life will bring sharply to the minds of those who fall in the second class, that their residence in college was probably the happiest period of their life.

For, in what sphere of the economic world can there be found walls which will ward off the buffets and blows of life as do those of Alma Mater? And among what other class of people can there be found the careless insouciance of the college man, insouciance born of freedom from pitiless care and of associations whose watchword is consideration and sympathy? Nay, fellow-students, let us not look with jealous eyes upon the outer world attractive and alluring as it may seem from our present protected position or, if we leave college without the necessary preparation of a college education, we may find at the end of our rainbow, not a bag of gold but a crown of thorns.

Fellow-students, experience has shown that the benefits derived from college life are in direct proportion to the energy put into it. When we are assailed with the feeling that college life has become boresome, let us set to work again with renewed vigor and energy. In this way we may realize now, while there is yet time to profit by the realization, that college

life is certainly one of the happiest periods of our existence, and that the associations formed there are second only to those of the family hearth.

A certain Westerner—name not given—was asked to contribute to the Technology Endowment Fund. He responded in two ways, First by sending a good-sized check and, second, by writing the following letter, now reprinted in the Voo-Doo, the institute's humorous magazine:

For the following reasons I am unable to send you the check you request:

I have been held up, held down, sand-bagged, trodden on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed. First by the United States Government's income tax, Federal war tax, excess profits tax, Liberty Loans, thrift stamps, capital stock tax, and every other tax that the mind of man could invent to extract my money.

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The Government has so run my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined, re-examined, informed, required, and commanded, so that I don't know who I am, what I am, or why I am here. All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known desire or hope of the human race, and because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal more to give away, I have been cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and ruined, and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see who or what in h—— is coming next!

It's the good apple tree that has the most clubs thrown at it.

"Most of the splinters in the banister of life are unnoticed until we begin to slide down."

When a man kisses a girl for the first time, she tries to act so he will think it is her first experience.—Ex.

He held her trembling to his breast, The color left her cheek;
And stayed upon his coat lapel, For just about a week.

"I have talked long enough" said the windy orator.

"Keep on" said a disgusted listener, "You'll say something after awhile."

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LOCALS.

Allen and Bridgeforth were recent
visitors to Toano.

Sibley, Harwood, Massie, Hatfield,
Piland, Frost and Huffman visited
their homes in Newport News follow-
ing the mid-term exams. here.

Chisholen, Christian, Tennis and
Davis attended the annual banquet
of the Kappa Alpha alumni in Rich-
mond.

The Misses Kent, of Newport News
were guests of friends at Tyler Hall
for the week-end.

Miss Hortense Lewis visited T. N.
T. at Farmville last week.

Among the students from Hamp-
ton who visited their homes after ex-
ams. were Wallace, Tennis, Cooke,
Bentley, Ammons, and Young.

Taffy Hall spent two days of the
past week in Norfolk.

Osborne, student of last year, visit-
ed friends at the College Saturday
and Sunday.

Bosher Fisher spent the week-end
with his parents at Bon Air.

Miss Wilder visited Richmond dur-
ing the past week.

Relatives of Miss Mary Nash Tatem
spent Sunday with her at Tyler Hall.

Resurrected.

Coach Driver upon being introduc-
ed to a young lady did not catch her
name, and desiring to know it, he
soon asked: "Do you spell your name
with an "i" or "e", to which the fair
one replied, "It is Hill, if you please."

Ask Chisholm if he didn't get a
letter with this inscription on the out-
side? "Returned with thanks."

Dr. Hall asked Chisholm to parse
"girls" in the following sentence:
"Girls like to go to the moving pic-
ture show."

Chisholm: "Girls is a particular
noun of the lovely gender, lively per-
son, and for double number, kissing
mood, in the immediate tense, and in
the expectant case of matrimony, ac-
cording to the general rule."

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"Specs" Fentress and J. D. Carneal finished their degree requirements at the end of the first term and leave us by graduation. They have always exhibited that true college spirit which makes for the betterment of any school, and dear old William and Mary may always point to them with pride as loyal sons of their Alma Mater.

"Mutt" Goslee resigned from college at the end of this term. A man with a better heart never entered William and Mary, and while this is saying quite a bit, we do not hesitate at the statement. He has the best wishes of the entire student body here, who hope for his success in all he attempts.

"Smiling Upes" Pullen left college after exams. for a position possibly in Richmond. "Upes" has a host of friends here who regret to see him pull out. He's of the jovial sort and old boy, we hope that smile of yours will win for you as many friends as it has for you here.

Miss Elizabeth Wright, who has been here several weeks in the capacity of trained nurse, left this week for Richmond. Miss Wright won many friends here by her efficient work and amiable disposition.

Thus far the college and Williamsburg have been fortunate in having only three cases of the "Flu" in the vicinity.

Friends of "Squeak" Walton will be sorry to hear of his illness with pneumonia, at Great Bridge.

AND THEY COULD BE APPLIED HERE:

"Both were young, and one was beautiful."—Pierce brothers.

"Pleased with a rattle, tickled with a straw."—Mary Nash.

"Lies have no legs, that's why I have to stand for them."—Scoop Sibley.

"Into our midst they brought one "Mac," a hungry, lean-faced villian, a mere anatomy."—Tyler Hall.

"It's not good that man should be alone."—Kenny.

"A foot more light, or step more true, Nee'r from the heath-flower, dashed the dew."—"Judge" Tyler.

"There was a sound of revelry by night."—The S. O. S's.

"'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view."—Allie Stevens.

"My own face often draws me to the glass."—Mabel Stratten.

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."—Cheatham.

"Life's a jest, and all things show it, I thought so once, and now I know it."—Moorman.

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